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The Baptist Record Subscription Campaign By B.Y.P.U.'S Begins In Earnest Franklin Associational B.Y.Y.U. Is First To Send In List; Others Follow Rapidly

"A Reasonable Faith" is just from the Revell Press and will be welcomed by those who love the Bible and believe it as the word of God. The author, Leander S. Keyser, is a conservative Lutheran writer whose previous books have been helpful to so wide a circle. A good idea of the purpose of the book is had from the chapters: How The Bible Lights The Way, The Holy Spirit and The Bible, How Christian Experience Verifies the Bible. Evidences from Archeology, etc. There are 15 chapters. Price \$1.50.

The Judson Press (Am. Bap. Pub. Socy.) has issued three booklets in heavy paper binding of about 50 pages each which are educational and missionary. One is "The City Redeemed" a study of mission needs and work in the modern city. Another is "Playtime Primer For Young People," intended for workers among the young folks. A third is "Young Adults in Christian Fellowship," which shows the way to development of our riches in this field. They retail at 40c each.

Pastor T. W. Talkington being in a meeting with brother B. E. Phillips, it was the editor's fortune to supply for him at Crystal Springs Sunday morning. We were pleased to be in the Men's Bible Class Sunday morning of which Mrs. Talkington is teacher. The class includes about 75 men, of whom 47 were present Sunday morning. They look as if they were able to put over any good enterprise they might undertake. —Pastor Jas. A. Bryant rejoices in a fine meeting at Enon church, Walthall County. Brother W. A. Green preached powerful, pungent messages. Good preparation had been made. A religious census was taken led by Harry A. Borah, good personal work, cottage meetings, prayer meetings. The Lord sent a great revival. Many were reclaimed, 28 baptized, 7 by letter and statement. The 260 resident members are laying plans for reaching and enlisting 120 prospects.

Pastor J. E. Barnes of Ocean Springs has returned from helping his son, J. E. Jr., in a meeting in Bush Hill church, Birmingham, 11 days. About 20 were added to the church. The meeting was quiet, reaching the membership and the lost. This is the son's first pastorate and he is much encouraged, having gotten a strong hold on the people. All departments are doing well.—Bro. D. L. Hill of Ackerman was with our Mississippi A. T. Mitchell in a meeting at Augie, La., who is good enough to be brought back to Mississippi. Brother Hill asks prayer for the meeting at Ethel this week.—Dr. R. P. Mahon has entered upon his pastorate at London, Ky.—The Sardis church, Copiah County, has had a good meeting with Pastor H. C. Clark preaching. Bro. Oscar Autritt of Jackson served this church for four years, and they were in the habit of making him a special gift at the conclusion of each meeting. This year, although he has been away a year, they kept up the habit and sent him a nice offering. He was deeply touched by their kindness.

Has your church undertaken to kindle the fires of religion among the boys and young men in these camps near you where the government is doing the work of reforestation and preventing of soil erosion?

We wish to express genuine appreciation of the splendid undertaking of our state B.Y.P.U.'s to put the Baptist Record into 2,500 new homes. Nothing else that we know of could so quicken the spiritual pulse of our people, increase their missionary zeal and produce a finer spirit of unity and harmony. Let everybody help, for the sake of all our work, and for the good of our people.

Pastor B. W. Hudson says the B.Y.P.U. at Rienzi has already begun getting subscriptions to the Record and will do their part. His work is finding a hearty response among the people. They have asked him to hold the meeting beginning Aug. 27. This week he is with Pastor J. D. Thompson at Thrasher, a good community with consolidated school and progressive people.

On the second Sunday in July we began our revival at the Baptist Church of Holcomb. Preaching was done by the writer. The attendance was good and interest fine from the first service. Mr. C. F. Woodson and the quartette from the Grenada First Baptist Church assisted in the music. A junior choir of 35 voices trained by Miss Mable Martin, pianist, added much to the work of the regular choir. Visible results of the meeting, 18 additions to the membership.—J. H. Hooks.

We have been fortunate to have some articles by Pastor A. Cunningham Burley of London, on "Spurgeon and His Friends" which have been given to our readers. We are glad to learn that Mr. Burley purposes soon to bring out a volume with this title. It will be specially appropriate in view of the Spurgeon Centennial in 1934. We hope it will have a wide circulation on this side of the Atlantic. The Introduction is by the well known Essayist, Dr. F. W. Boreham, living in Australia and known around the world.

Pastor McKnight welcomed four into the church at Red Lick, Jefferson County, last week at the close of a very satisfactory meeting. Three daily prayer meetings were held, one of them for the young people conducted by Leo Eddleman who also led the singing.—Rev. Jas. A. Chapman of Summit helped Pastor D. W. Moulder in a gracious meeting at Good Hope church, Smith County, in which 16 joined the church, and the membership awakened. They invited the visiting preacher for another meeting next year. Brother Chapman preached in his own meeting in Oak Grove church, Miss. Asso. Four were added. This country church keeps up its Sunday school and prayer meeting and is growing. Brother Chapman is this week with Pastor S. G. Pope in a meeting at Amite River church.—Brethren W. A. Hancock and J. A. Lee supplied the pulpit at Clinton Sunday morning and night.

HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB DAY
SUNDAY AUGUST TWENTIETH
By Frank Tripp, General Leader, St. Joseph, Mo.

The weather on this day, designated as Baptist Hundred Thousand Club Day will, no doubt, be hot. Many of our pastors and their people will be away on vacations. Debts do not have a great appeal in any season and certainly less in the summer time. The attendance in all departments of our churches will be off on August 20. I recognize all of these difficulties. However, most of us usually do our best under the most difficult circumstances and conditions. A hard task offers a great challenge for sacrificial and heroic effort.

we are placed under the necessity of completing this initial effort to secure members for the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club on or before October 1. This action was taken by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. In some states, the State organizations are demanding that we finish by the first Sunday in September. For these and many other reasons, it was thought best to have our first special day on August 20.

It is very necessary that we start getting some money from the payment of memberships and this will not happen until the memberships are placed and the envelopes distributed.

We are going to succeed in spite of all difficulties. We have to succeed. There is no need spending good time trying to figure out why we cannot do it. There are enough Baptists who are too poor to take vacations to put this thing over, if it is properly presented to them. Let's lay ourselves out without reservation in an effort to enlist our people in this simple but effective means of emancipating Southern Baptists from the bondage of debt.

The bankers' committee in a letter to those holding Baptist Bible Institute bonds says, "The Committee takes this opportunity to call to the attention of the bondholders the excellent work that has been done by Dr. W. W. Hamilton, President of the Institute, and his loyal staff, who have made personal sacrifices in their efforts to make these funds promptly available." —W. W. Hamilton. Southern Baptists are grateful for an institution and a president like this.

Dr. R. B. Gunter assisted Pastor D. I. Young in a meeting last week at Eden, Yazoo County. There were eight additions to the church, seven by baptism.—Sergeant Alvin C. York, speaks in Jackson Friday night, the eleventh on Prohibition. Gen. Pershing called him the greatest civilian soldier of the war. With a handful of mountaineers he captured 4 officers and 128 men and 35 machine guns.—Dr. John McNeill, president of the Baptist World Alliance says the Roman Catholics increased 120 per cent in the last 100 years, Orthodox Catholics 150 per cent, and Baptists 2,200 per cent.

Editorials

WHERE DO YOU GO FROM HIGH SCHOOL?

We wish a serious word with young men who have finished High School and are looking out on the immediate future. There are more in your class than ever in the world before. The number of high school graduates has multiplied many fold in the last twenty years. This means for one thing that there is going to be keener competition for you than ever before. Jobs or positions are not waiting for everybody. Not yet. And you have got to fit yourself for the work ahead. And that means a long look down the future, for you hope to live a long time, and increase in usefulness and in earning ability as long as you live.

To do this it is absolutely necessary, in most cases, that you get a college education. And you will need to get it where it will give you the best chance for continuous growth. We do not hesitate to say that it is our firm conviction that you will find your best opportunity at Mississippi College.

We are not paid to say this. This is not a paid advertisement. The College doesn't even take a paid advertisement in our columns. We are saying it in spite of all this. We have at times given the college a succession of full page advertizing free. And we do this not simply in the interest of the college, but in the interest of our young men, and of the Christian work in which we all share. And here are some of our reasons.

We have known intimately the work of Mississippi College at Clinton for many years. And we do not believe conditions have ever been better for helping to make men than they are today. In some ways they are better than they ever were before. Mississippi College has been under the control of Mississippi Baptists and operated by them for 83 years, that is since 1850. It has had in these years seven presidents. And young man as the editor is he has known everyone of them except the first. He knew Dr. Hillman only after he became president of Hillman College, and the others while in Miss. College, namely, Drs. Webb, Venable, Lowrey, Provine and Nelson. Noble Romans. Here is a succession of men hard to equal in any field. Of the six we have known three are still living. And they have lighted the torch of learning, of aspiration, of ambition for more than one generation.

It is saying nothing to the disparagement of any of these to say that the present occupant of the presidential office is equal to any of the others. They prepared the way for him. They prepared him. And they have every reason to be satisfied with this product of their labors. He has availed himself of the best academic training. He has been disciplined by the forces which combine to make character. The Lord has anointed him for moral leadership and for administrative position. He is a man whom the elders in Israel can trust without fear, and on whom the young men may lean with confidence.

The faculty of Mississippi College fulfills the requirements of the standardizing agencies; and what is more, in a remarkable degree satisfies the desires of our people for men of genuine Christian character. This comes more nearly meeting the necessities of a Christian school than has been the case for years past. There has long been a desire to select with care, and a purpose to eliminate the unfit. Today the school is approaching its ideal.

We cannot refrain from a word as to the excellence of the special arrangements to elicit and coordinate the religious spirit and activities of the students. We know of no other like place with a plan as good. A few years ago Dr. Provine brought back to the College, Prof. Chester Swor, one of its alumni, who was put in charge of this department. He is splendidly fitted for this task and has done a remarkable work. His influence among the students and his religious

leadership have held them in line in Christian work. Along with him has worked the Baptist Student Union, which has lined up the students in a remarkable way. The unity and loyalty of the students is a historic characteristic. They believe in one another and in the school.

We should like to speak of the scholarship, the class room work. But these are witnessed by the products of the College. These men make good in every field of endeavor. Some of us like to point to the missionaries we have had in Mexico, China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Brazil, all along the frontier. We hope some day to see bronze tablets with their names in the old chapel. Others will think of the governors we have had in Mississippi and Arkansas. No names are more honorable than Longino and Whitfield and Brough and Eagle. But we must not begin to call names. The list is too long. Mississippi College has not only raised its own presidents but has furnished presidents for M.S.C.W., for State Teachers College, for Delta State College, for Miss. Woman's College and Blue Mountain College. Then there are the best among the lawyers, the doctors, the school teachers, the congressmen, the bankers, and executives in many lines. We have furnished mission secretaries for several states, two for the Home Mission Board, and leaders in the churches, preachers and laymen.

We do not know of a College where a young man stands a better chance of attaining the right kind of success, that is fitting himself for it, than Mississippi College at Clinton.

PART OF IRON AND PART OF CLAY

The dream of the King which Daniel interpreted is not only one of the most picturesque prophecies in the Bible, striking and unforgettable; but it abides today as the revelation of the character of human government under which we moderns live. All will recall the head of gold, the breast and arms of silver, the body and thighs of brass, the legs of iron, the feet part of iron and part of clay. This is a picture of human government down to date.

Daniel told the king that this image represented the several successive world kingdoms or governments from his day on down to the universal dominion of the Christ. We are not now going into the details of this prophecy, or its fulfillment, but call attention to this one feature of present day civil government, part of iron and part of clay, "partly strong and partly broken."

The views and interests of people who constitute the modern state are so diverse and often conflicting that it is difficult to weld them into any sort of political unity. Statesmen and leaders undertake this from time to time and find themselves constantly baffled. What men call nationalism and internationalism are forever striving for the mastery. Just now Germany is trying to weld its people into national unity through the Nazi government, but few believe that it will long hold together. Bismark and the first Kaiser tried it, but the reich fell to pieces in 1918. Iron and clay do not join together well. Local interests conflict. A tariff that suits Rhodes Island is anathema in Mississippi. And so all down the line.

Iron is the symbol of strength. We are told about the iron hand, or the iron chancellor. And there must be some elements of strength or government would be impossible. But clay is the symbol of weakness. And all political or civil governments have their share of clay, and the clay is their final undoing. Because of this they are doomed to failure and destruction.

You may trace this through all modern history. But you will not need to go out of the year 1933, not out of our own country to find the exemplification of it. People are now speaking of the strength of the present national administration, and the iron has been much in evidence. It would be foolish to overlook the clay that is mixed up with it all. Not to speak of the uncertain experiments which are being

tried out, about which no man can predict the outcome, we tremble at the outcome of a government which builds its hope of prosperity in any measure upon the authority to debauch the citizenry with drink and builds upon the foundation of debasing the morals of the people by returning the saloon and the ruin of homes and the corruption of politicians who are put under the dominion of the liquor business.

Don't forget what it was that destroyed this image and scattered its fragments to the winds: In these days the God of heaven shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed. The influence of Christianity over government will finally determine the length of its existence. Christian principles will prevail and all the governments which are not in harmony with the will of God will go the way of the world. The kingdom of the world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ.

The Foreign Mission Board reports total receipts for July, \$39,995.67, which is considerably short of July 1932. The amount for Mississippi this time was \$932.57. For the past seven months the total gifts from Mississippi to the Foreign Mission Board have been \$11,672.78, of which \$5,900.46 was the Lottie Moon offering; \$2,534.20 through the cooperative program; \$2,916.11 designated; and \$322.01 on the debt.

"The Money Power," a new book by Chas. A. Cook, is all that is claimed for it, "clear, simple, readable." It is more; it is a real study of the money question in the light of the scriptures and observation of present conditions. It will help any body to get a saner view of life, and will help teachers and preachers to help others. Dr. Cook is the author of an earlier book, Stewardship and Missions, which had a very wide reading. Published by Revell. Price \$1.00.

Pastor M. A. Davis reports a fine meeting at Ridge church, Scott County. There were 14 added to the church, eleven by baptism. Prof. and Mrs. Kee of Newton assisted in the music and brother Roy Clarke preached for several days of the meeting. Brother Davis also received 14 at Lena during the meeting, and 17 at Harpersville. He will spend three weeks in meetings in Lincoln County.—Pastor W. A. Hancock has welcomed 42 into the Vaiden church in the past 15 months, eighteen of them in a recent meeting in which 12 were baptized. At West, where he is also pastor, twelve were added to the church in a recent revival.

On the fourth Sunday in July we went to assist Pastor W. M. Powell and his people in the revival at the Baptist Church of Rome, Miss. This meeting all the way through was characterized by a fine spirit and some of the best singing I ever heard. Some of our Tutwiler and Moorhead friends came. Mrs. A. J. Hill was as usual faithful at the piano, Pastor Powell was on the job and 18 members were added to the church. It was the writers happy privilege, for the second time, to be entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill. To the Lord be all the praise.—J. H. Hooks.

Pastor W. S. Landrum reports one of the best meetings at New Zion church, Copiah County, that he has been in, in a long time. There were 4 daily prayer meetings, for grown men, for women, for young men and for young women. Bro. A. S. Johnston of Hattiesburg preached with great acceptance and power. Brother A. J. Cooper of Clinton led the singing and assisted the young people. There were old troubles removed and seven were added to the church, four of them by baptism.—At Antioch church in Simpson County, Pastor W. S. Landrum was assisted in the revival meeting by brother W. R. Storie of Duck Hill. The singing was led by brother Silas Johnson. A fine moral tone comes from the meeting and seven were added to the church, four for baptism. This week brother Landrum is being assisted in a meeting in Clear Branch church, Rankin County, by brother C. T. Johnson of Clinton.

"JUST ANOTHER CLUB?"

By E. Goldbold, Kansas City
General Superintendent, Missouri General Assn.

1. The 100,000 Club is not an extra undertaking that has been launched for the purpose of keeping us busy. It is an absolutely necessary undertaking for the purpose of meeting an emergency.

2. It has not furnished jobs to any group of workers. It is not a cause of extra overhead expense. The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has graciously agreed to pay all the expenses of this campaign, and, therefore, not call on our mission funds for one cent for this purpose. Furthermore, all of the leaders in this campaign are serving without charge and the work that they are giving to this endeavor is over and above the regular work for which they are receiving remuneration.

3. It is not an effort to prop up a failing undertaking. Our mission work is not a failure. We may be failing to do our part as missionary Baptists but at least the work itself was never more prosperous and the reports from the fields show that a dollar invested in its accomplishes more than at any time in the past. This club provides a plan for us to pay our obligations and keep our current missionary work going at the same time. It is the best means we have found of meeting a serious emergency.

Our boards of missions and our institutions are now free to carry on their current work on the basis of their income each fiscal year. If we will push this Baptist Hundred Thousand Club as we should and care for these debt obligations we will relieve the embarrassment of our boards, will take care of our own denominational honor and will pay for these investments that we made in the past in a way that will not disturb the work that we are trying to do now on the mission fields. This group plan will lead us out of our difficulties if we will make it over and above our current work and will give it our very best support to see that it has a real chance to succeed.

After 21 years of service as a medical missionary in China Dr. Geo. W. Leavell has been advised to return for rest in the home land. He has contracted the disease known in China as sprue and must rest. He waits only the coming of another doctor to take up his work. May the Lord speedily restore his health.

Get the wasps out of your church before the association meets with you; and you might clean out the dirt daubers nests and cut the grass and see that the well is in good fix, or plenty of water is supplied in some other way. And if it meets in October you might make sure that the stove is in place and the stove pipe up. We have been to some places where we had to go out of doors to get warm.

On Aug. 10 the new Soldiers Home, built by the federal government at a cost of \$1,250,000 will be formally opened at Biloxi. It will accommodate from 500 to 700 men, and occupies a site of 720 acres. Its location on Biloxi Bay is one of the beauty spots of the coast.—A few years back a Baptist college with a layman for president was rare. Now a Baptist college with a preacher for president is the exception. They still survive in Tennessee and Oklahoma.

Prosperity that is sought at the expense of righteousness is not worth the name. Riding a beer barrel to affluence—well it hasn't ever been done.—Those Japanese who proposed to start a war with America by killing Charley Chaplin were just plain nutty. How many folks do you think would get mad about that. Our understanding is that this little comic strip is a Britisher.—Brother H. L. Byrd assisted Pastor Dearman last week in a meeting in New Salem Church, near McCalls Creek. There were four additions, and the membership genuinely helped. He goes

for three meetings in succession in Choctaw County with Pastor Joe Watson. He was with him in meetings last summer. Brother H. L. Byrd wishes to devote his life to service among rural churches and he is well prepared for his work.

In the B.Y.P.U. Campaign for 2,500 new subscribers to the Baptist Record, the honor goes to Mr. Winfield Rodriguez of Natchez for sending in the first list, with a promise of more to follow. He sent for sample copies of the paper and went immediately to work. May his tribe increase till it includes every B.Y.P.U. in the state.

Paul said something about preaching to the gentiles and seeing them saved provoking Israel to jealousy. It is wonderful how the campaign for southwide objects recently inaugurated is stirring up the interest of the brethren in many states in their state objects. Why some of our exchanges are red hot with appeals for the state work now. It is wonderful how much good the 100,000 club is doing in some places.

Some years ago the editor was pastor in a town in Kentucky where there were open saloons. The good citizens made a fight to close them but failed. When the election came off the town marshal, who was a member of our church voted to retain the saloons. Some one asked his wife why he did so, knowing him to be in many respects a good man and an efficient officer. Her reply was that her husband's living depended on the saloons, that if there were no saloons he would be practically out of work. In six months or less after the election, he was under the necessity of arresting a drunken man. In the effort both men were instantly killed. You may draw your own moral.

Some two years ago when the democratic primary was held in Tennessee to nominate a candidate for governor, the Commercial Appeal published many articles in proof of the fact that fraud was practiced in Memphis in support of the successful nominee. But as soon as he was declared the party candidate the managers of that paper made a complete flop and supported the party candidate, knowing and itself proclaiming that fraud was openly practiced. That is the sort of politics that now urges the people to stand by the party and bring back the legal sale of liquor. We are in need of a revival that will reach those who set in political high places and restore elemental morality.

A Jackson correspondent of an out of the state paper says that there were reports that the hesitancy to release funds for river control in this district, "might be in a measure due to the lack of cooperation on the part of Gov. Conner in calling an extra session for the purpose of giving the citizens an opportunity to pass on the major issue of the Roosevelt administration—repeal of the eighteenth amendment." If this were true it would be an outrage against the welfare of the people, and an impudent assumption of force to which the federal government has no right, and which it has never assumed in all its history. We do not believe a word of it. The report is just a piece of framed propaganda by a reporter. When did the repeal amendment come to be "the major issue of the Roosevelt administration?" If it is then may God have mercy on the admisntration.

Mark these words, the men in high places who are now saying that Mississippians ought to vote for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment in order to let other states manage their own affairs, and that Mississippi can retain its own prohibition laws, when the amendment has been repealed, will be found among those who seek to relax or repeal the state prohibition laws. For our part we haven't the slightest confidence in anything they say.

OUR HEADQUARTERS CITIES AND THE BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

B. D. Gray, Secretary Emeritus, Home Mission Board

Southern Baptists have nine headquarters cities, strategically located: Richmond with the Foreign Mission Board, on the eastern border; Dallas and Ft. Worth with the Relief and Annuity Board and the Southwestern Seminary on the western front; Louisville on the Ohio, with the Southern Seminary; New Orleans facing the Mexico Gulf, with the Bible Institute; then come four central cities, Atlanta with the Home Mission Board, Nashville with the Sunday School Board, Knoxville with the Baptist Brotherhood and Birmingham with the woman's Missionary Union. Thus we cover the territory, north, south, east and west and the center. How could Southern Baptists have selected nine other cities so admirably suited for their purposes? They are not to be found.

In these cities we have five hundred and thirty-six churches and 240,571 church members. In numbers, wealth and influence, outside of New Orleans, the Baptists are well towards the front in all these cities. Moreover, except Birmingham and New Orleans, Baptist state headquarters are located in these cities, showing their importance and influence as centers for the state work.

A Challenge To Leadership

What a challenge to leadership by these headquarters centers in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club! Many of our ablest leaders in the ministry occupy the pulpits in these cities and thousands of our wealthiest laymen and our most capable and consecrated women live in these centers. They are naturally, by virtue of residence in these cities, supposed to be better informed about and more interested in our work than those living elsewhere. The strength of these city forces is more concentrated and the wealth greater than in smaller cities and towns. Pastors' conferences held weekly make it possible for speedy, aggressive and successful handling of such a campaign as our Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. Men who manage great business affairs and matters of state are centered in these cities. What an opportunity to throw their ability into this campaign, with the enthusiasm they are putting into the new deal under the leadership of President Roosevelt. If they will, they can put it over, especially with the fine cooperation of our noble women.

A verile leadership on the part of these headquarters cities and their district associations will set the step for other cities and towns throughout the states, and the impact of these urban forces can be brought upon our country churches with telling effect.

The greatest opportunity for leadership ever presented to a group of associations confronts these nine associations where our headquarters cities are located: The Dover, the Atlanta, the Long Run, the Nashville, the Knox County, the Birmingham, the New Orleans, the Dallas County and the Tarrant County. The challenge to their leadership at this critical hour in our denominational life is tremendous. There leadership will largely decide the outcome of our effort to unburden our great Southern Baptist interests of the incubus of debt. That accomplished, the way will be open for the greatest, most constructive and far-reaching advance ever made by Southern Baptists for the spread of the Gospel throughout the earth.

Dr. W. W. Hamilton writes that the Baptist Bible Institute by paying no salaries and borrowing \$400.00 was able to pay the interest on bonds falling due Aug. 1st. But the interest on the note in bank was not paid. Some who want to help will still have the opportunity.—Rev. S. E. Nix assisted Pastor V. W. Fairchild in a great revival at Hill Church in Louisiana. There were 28 additions, 22 by baptism.—How did you like the sixteen page paper of last week. This was made possible by the campaign of the B. Y. P. U.'s, to increase the subscription list by adding 2,500 names. Help them to reach their goal during the month of August.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

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Monthly W.M.U. Missionary Topics for 1934
Theme for the Year: Prayer in the Progress of Christianity.

Jan.—The BEGINNING of the MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE—

Coming of Christ, the world's Great Missionary; His Kingdom teaching; work of Holy Spirit; activities of apostles—Am I really missionary?
Feb.—PERSECUTION in the SPREAD of CHRISTIANITY—

Courage and fidelity of early disciples; individual instances of persecution; explanation of W.M.U. pin—Can I wear this pin worthily?

March—PERIODS of LOST POWER—

History of dark ages; lost vision of Christ, lost Word, love of luxury, greed for power, perils of today paralleling conditions then—What can I do to retrieve America's lost spiritual power?

April—WAKING of WORLD VISION—

Historical setting; what brought William Carey to world vision; effect on America; Judson; Rice; and others—How shall I renew my missionary vision today?

May—BAPTIST AVENUES of WORLD SERVICE—

Triennial Convention; organization of Southern Baptist Convention; today's organization and plans; Baptist World Alliance—How loyal am I to my denomination?

June—CONTRIBUTIONS of YOUTH to WORLD-MINDEDNESS—

How youth has led in our Christian Progress; Raymond Lull, Zinzendorf, Margaret Wilson, Samuel J. Mills, etc.; responsibility for molding youth in the home and church—What is my society doing for youth?

July—AMERICA'S REAL HEROES—

Thomas Jefferson and constitution; Marcus Whitman, David Brainerd, John Mason Peck and others who impressed American Christianity and missions—Am I a loyal Christian citizen?

Aug.—MISSIONARY FOOTSTEPS in the ORIENT—

History of missions in China and Japan, reaction of exclusion act—What is my obligation to the oriental at my door and to our missionaries over there?

Sept.—PIONEERING BAPTISTS in EUROPE—

John G. Oncken; other outstanding leaders;

present pioneers; missionaries—What can I do for the Europeans in my community and in Europe?

Oct.—BROTHERS IN BLACK—Here and THERE—

Beginning of African missionary activities; work in Africa today; Negro mission work in America—What is my Christian attitude toward this race? What service am I rendering?

Nov.—CLASPING HANDS with OUR SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS—

South America, Cuba, Canal Zone, Mexico; early missionaries to these fields; results of Catholic occupation; present status of work; menace of Catholic power in our country, threatening our ideals and freedom—Am I praying and supporting the missionaries?

Dec.—BACK to BETHLEHEM—

World conditions when Christ came paralleled with present; great need for knowledge of Christ in His own land and in all hearts; Christmas around the world—Am I putting Christ in my Christmas?

Week of Prayer for State Missions, Sept. 18-22.
Theme: Mississippi as a Field for the Word, "Hitherto the Lord has lead us", "Lift up thine eyes."

Form prayer groups that will meet at least once a week, for a whole month before Sept. 18-22. Let us pray for a deepening of our spiritual life, a knowledge of His will concerning our duty to our State and for a determination to do His will when it is revealed to us.

The success of our Week of Prayer will depend on our preparation.

The program will be sent you within the next few days. Use and do not Lose.

The superintendents who have not sent in the date and place of their annual associational meeting will please do so. We trust that each associational W.M.U. will take note of its Standard of Excellence and find the weakest points. We do not want to do this just to say we are an A-1 association but to grow more efficient from year to year.

Mississippi was wiped out without any revenue from liquor.

Gallman: The pastor did the preaching. Census, personal work, cottage prayer meetings, 4 prayer meetings before the night services. Professor E. Ray Izard led the music in a masterly fashion. We received 42 new members, baptized 29, the majority of them being grown men and women. There is a fine spirit of fellowship and consecration in the church. Since February we have received 66 new members, reorganized the Sunday school, have a growing B.Y.P.U. over 100 enrolled, around 100 in attendance each Sunday night. There are some 30 odd above 12 years of age who are not Christians in this church community. Pray for us as we try to push the Cause of the Master here.—Jas. A Bryant.

Please announce this week's issue that prohibitionists of Texas have leased powerful Radio Station XEPN, Eagle Pass, frequency 585 kilocycles for thirty minutes beginning Monday 9:30 P. M., August 14th. Speakers, former Governor Neff, former Governor Moody, Senator Sheppard, Dr. Frank Norris, Dr. W. R. White and others. Have preachers announce program in pulpit next

The Mississippi women will rejoice to know the receipts of the Home Mission Board for Home Mission Week of Prayer last March. We are publishing the table by states for your further enjoyment.

March Week of Prayer Receipts, January 1, 1933 to July 26, 1933

Alabama	\$ 2,960.16
Arkansas	1,567.09
Arizona	77.40
District of Columbia	153.05
Florida	1,726.31
Georgia	4,962.19
Illinois	857.57
Kentucky	3,854.29
Louisiana	1,087.32
Maryland	1,001.55
Mississippi	4,367.18
Missouri	4,532.29
New Mexico	429.89
North Carolina	7,153.18
Oklahoma	2,165.32
South Carolina	3,558.26
Tennessee	2,483.53
Texas	6,903.74
Virginia	11,280.58
Miscellaneous	122.88
Total	\$61,243.78

A Young People's Day was observed at the meeting of the First Baptist Church W.M.U. on Monday, August 7. The program was given by the seven auxiliaries of the W.M.U.

An unusual event of the meeting was the crowning of twenty G. A. queens by Miss Edwina Robinson. Mrs. W. M. Robinson is Leader of the Junior Girls' Auxiliary.

The girls crowned were:

Doris Robinson	Nell Weems
Geraldine Reagan	Ledora Williams
Ida Lewis Jack	Sarah Nettles
Ann Duke	Audrey Terry
Geraldine Childress	Frances Turner
Catherine Richardson	Alethia Turner
Mary Margaret Kolb	Elizabeth Whitfield
Viola Sturgeon	Eva Lois Davis
Sarah Sturgeon	Fannie Elizabeth Dodd
Joy Overton	Martha Ellen Dufore

Sunday.—W. D. Bradfield, Chairman Radio Committee.

The people of Sardis, Copiah County, have experienced a glorious revival which began Sunday, July 30, and closed this morning, Saturday, August 5. The services were well attended, and there was much evidence that the Holy Spirit was working quietly in the hearts of many of the older people as well as the younger. There were thirty-five additions, twenty-one for baptism and fourteen by letter. Brother H. C. Clark, our beloved pastor who is doing a great work for the Lord, did the preaching.

It was my privilege to assist Pastor W. O. Carter in a meeting at Bay Springs, brother Stanley Armstrong of Memphis, leading the music. We had a most gracious revival, 24 additions to the church, 16 of whom by baptism. One outstanding result was the almost unanimous attendance of the resident members of the church. All except two attended one or more of the services. Brother Carter has wrought well in this field, which because of its location in the heart of the old General Association is immeasurably important.—J. D. Franks.

Rev. L. S. Cole of Marks assisted Pastor James in a meeting at Satarita last week. The best meeting in Satarita in years. Recently 15 additions, 8 by baptism, 7 by letter. Church takes on new life.—A. Benj. Kelly.

If prohibition is defeated it will be by the indifference of its friends. In all the states where elections have been held a small majority of the voters have gone to the polls.—J. R. Grant becomes president of Ouachita College (Baptist in Arkansas) succeeding Dr. C. D. Johnson.

The sincere sympathy of his friends goes out to Dr. R. H. Pitt, editor of the Religious Herald of Richmond, in the sorrow caused by the loss of his wife. An accident three weeks ago sent her to the hospital and her death came as a great shock. May our Heavenly Father give the comfort and sustaining grace which He alone can supply.

Mississippi State Treasury had a deficit of \$14,000,000 eighteen months ago. On Aug. 1st it was less than a quarter of a million, and it is confidently expected that this will be wiped out before the end of the month. How was it done? Sales Tax. And bear in mind that the debt of

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East Mississippi Department

By R. L. BRELAND


ANDREW JACKSON NICHOLS

On March 29, 1933, one of the writer's best friends and most beloved brethren departed this life, Bro. A. J. Nichols. He was born in Scott County, Mississippi, Sept. 17, 1852, son of Rempson B. and Mary Metcalf Nichols. Married Mattie B. Hensley Nov. 16, 1876. Several children were given to these good people. His good wife and the following children survive him: Misses Minnie, Pearl, Anna and Lois Nichols, and sons Fred and Jesse Nichols. One son, Clarence, has died. He joined Salem Baptist Church, Scott County, several years ago and was a faithful member of Pleasant Hill (Conehatta) Baptist Church at his death. His body was buried at Conehatta, his pastor, Rev. H. H. Bethune, officiating.

I was his pastor for twelve years, and he and his fine family were indeed true to the church and the pastor. Never had better friends. May the dear Father comfort and sustain the dear sorrowing wife and children.

THE PITTSBORO MEETING

The meeting at Pittsboro Baptist Church, Calhoun County, began the fourth Sunday and closed following Friday night. There were eight additions, four by baptism. The pastor did the preaching and Mr. John Reasons of Pittsboro, led the singing. We had good crowds consider-



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ing that it rained nearly every day. The singing was splendid and the interest fair. We have some as loyal people at Pittsboro as can be found anywhere. The young people and juniors were loyal and true to the meeting. This is the pastor's fourth year here. Rev. Wiley Flanagan, a young minister who recently graduated from Clarke College, Newton, preached one sermon and the people were charmed with his sermon. If he continues to grow and keeps in the straight path, his prospects are good as he is only 18 years old. Everything considered we had a good meeting.

The meeting at Scuna Valley, Yalobusha County, is in progress this week. Rev. B. E. Phillips of New Hebron, Miss., is doing some splendid preaching. Congregations from fair to good.

Rev. Joseph Woodson of Grenada, who finished at Mississippi College in June, is now in the Seminary at Louisville, Ky. He bids fair to be one of our good preachers.

Next week the writer will be in Prentiss County at old Jacito Baptist Church, with Pastor Perry in a meeting of days.

Rev. J. H. Page of Oakland, held his meeting at New Hope the week following the fourth Sunday. It rained every day and the roads were terrible, but a good meeting is reported.

DIED—Mrs. Cornelia Goodwin Roberts, age 63, died at her home near Coffeeville July 31. She was a member of Elam Baptist Church and had been for years. She was a member of the Pate-Goodwin families, a cousin of the late Mrs. R. B. Gunter. She leaves a husband, two sisters and three brothers, and a host of cousins and other relatives to mourn her going. She was buried in the Broome Cemetery beside her father and mother, after services conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. H. Page. A faithful Christian, loyal Baptist and much loved friend has gone to her reward. Consolation to the bereaved.

A letter from Bro. Vincent Crawley, a young minister, son of Prof. and Mrs. C. L. Crawley of Hollendale, Miss., brings some good news of work done. In connection with others he has just closed a good meeting at Grace, Miss. Some of the results reported: "One lady to place her letter in the church at Glen Allen; God's unmistakable presence in each service; the getting out of people who have not been out to church in five years; strong sentiment in favor of the reorganization of a Baptist Church at Glen Allen or the organization of a Baptist Church at Grace; and a real revival." Glad to notice this activity and success among these young people. May they continue a safe and zealous evangelism in these parts of our state. Blessings upon them.

Student Activities

July reports are coming in thick and fast.

	No.	No.
County Church Present	Students	
Carroll, Carrollton.....	20	5
N. Carrollton	30	5
Grenada, Providence	20	5
Holcomb	65	5
Mt. Paran	80	5
Greene, Unity	150	3
County Line	200	5
Washington	200	4
Lafayette, Bethel	40	6
Union West	75	5
Taylor	75	6
Lawrence, Monticello.....	150	7
Newhebron	150	7
Calvary	150	7
Shiloh	125	8
Oma	100	8
Lincoln, New Prospect..	100	3
Holly Springs.....	50	3
Ruth	75	3
Bogue Chitto	75	5
Mt. Zion	200	3
Marion, Columbia	200	7
East Columbia	35	5
Noxubee, Shuqulak	75	2
Mashulaville	75	5
Concord	50	3
Pike, Friendship	60	10
Progress	20	5
Silver Creek	50	8
Rankin, Brandon	100	10
Tate, Arkabutla	55	4
Coldwater	65	4
Warren, Vicksburg	125	20
	2040	153

Fine work, young people, keep it up!

IN MEMORIAM

Our hearts were made sad on July 3, 1933 when the spirit of Martha Aills Durham winged its flight into the Great Beyond, to rest in peace, after many months of suffering.

Since her going memory flows with fine pictures of our dear friend. Memories of her girlhood come flooding back and we see her as she lived among us in the long ago—a girlhood of cultural and ennobling influences, a quick and sympathetic mentality, a spirit of rare and patient sweetness, a religious experience vouchsafed to few.

We see her a matured woman, as the years brought sorrows—the passing of loved ones, the loss of fortune—the changes that come to us all, meeting these conflicts of life with the calmness of one who has found peace through her Divine Redeemer. All of the attributes of a noble character were hers.

Distinction belonged to her by natural rights, being the daughter of a loyal confederate, Dr. Wm. Aills, a distinguished surgeon in Gen. Robt. Lowry's regiment during the Civil War. Her mother, Miss Sallie Farris, graduated from Mary Sharpe College in Tennessee at a time when college life meant the Christian education of mind and the cultivation of Christian ethics. She, herself, graduated from Hillman

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College. She was married to Mr. Jesse Durham who preceded her to the Great Beyond several years. Two sons, William and Jesse, and a daughter, Mrs. A. C. Smith of Biloxi, are left to mourn her passing. Her work and service will be treasured in the hearts of her friends. Her personality, dignity, charm, and beauty will ever be a fragrant memory to those who came under her inspiring influence.

At last we see her eyes gleam with gladness as she beholds the beauty of the Lord! We leave her in grateful confidence till the day breaks and the shadows flee—and "twilight and evening bells" see us one by one going home to the precious ones we have loved long since and lost awhile.

—A Friend.

IN MEMORIAM

Jessup D. Rhodes of Ackerman, born September 7, 1909, departed this life July 14, 1933, in the Martin's Memorial Hospital, Mt. Airy, N. C. He gave his heart to Christ early in life and will be greatly missed by his church and many friends. Those left to mourn his going are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rhodes, one brother, Alvin Richardson, and one sister, Mrs. Davis Marshall.

Funeral services were held at the Ackerman Baptist Church Sunday, July 16, at 11 A. M., Rev. D. L. Hill in charge assisted by Reverends H. G. West, J. R. Tackett and T. B. Thrower.

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My Dear Children:

As I think you are entitled to a report about our money, I will say that I sent the money I spoke of last week to our two Causes, \$17.00 to Bro. Miller at the Orphanage, and \$12.00 to Dr. Hamilton for the BBI debt. Did you notice that these are extra gifts, as I had already sent our July quotas to both? On that account, I felt at liberty to ask Dr. Hamilton to give the \$12.00 to the BBI interest debt which was due on the first of August. I gave all that we had on these two contributions, so that in my book now we have two oughts (or naughts) like this, .00 for the orphans, and the same for the BBI. Well, we can't give our Page money and have it, too, and I'm happy that we had so much to send away. Of course, it means that you are not going to fail on contributions for August, and I'm not worrying about that. Our regular gifts always come in, and others too.

Here is a little story about a little girl in New York. "J. is interested in going into the churches to see what they are like inside. The other week, we were on Fifth Avenue after coming from the doctor's office, and passed St. Patrick's Cathedral. We went in at her request. She looked about and wanted to know if it was Sunday. I told her, no, it was Tuesday. Then she wanted to know why there were people in there. I told her that they went in there to sit down and be quiet to think about Jesus. By the time I had got that far in answering questions, we were two blocks further down the street. 'But Mama, why didn't we go in to think about Jesus? I love Jesus!'"

Much love from

Mrs. Lipsey.

Bible Study No. 5, August 10th.
Story: The Conversion of Saul:
Acts 9:1-22.

City: Damascus.

The gospel had been carried to Damascus by those who fled from the persecution after Stephen's death. Some one has said that he who was to be the Apostle to the Gentiles was converted in a Gentile country.

Damascus had persecuted God's people before this, as Amos 1:3 tells us. It was an important city, the capitol of Syria, and was northeast of Jerusalem about 140 miles, a journey at that time of five or six days. (See map). When Saul, blind for the time, was led into Damascus to the house of Judas, the party proceeded along Straight Street, and that street is found in Damascus today. In Paul's time it extended from the eastern to the western gate, dividing the city into two parts. It is not now as fine a street as it was then. It was at that time a noble thoroughfare 100 feet wide, divided by Corinthian columns into three avenues, the central one for foot passengers, the side passages for chariots and horses going in opposite directions. Wasn't that a pretty good traffic regulation?

Wesson, Miss.
July 31, 1933

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Enclosed is 96c for Jeannie Lipsey Club No. 3. Next week I am going to Bay Springs, Miss. I know I will have a good time. That is where Mary Ruth Denson lives.

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—o—

Wesson, Miss.
July 31, 1933

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

How are you? I want to join your Circle. I am 6 years old. I am in the first grade. Good-bye,

Fay Cagle.

So pleased to have you, Fay. You must write often.

—o—

Wesson, Miss.
July 31, 1933.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

How are you? Fay Cagle is my playmate and Earline Dee is my playmate, too. We have a good time together playing. I am 7 years old and in the second grade. I have a good teacher, Miss Anding is her name. Good-bye,

Abbie Miriam Clark.

We are glad to have Fay as a member with us, Abbie, and I hope Earline will join, too. You must write again soon.

—o—

Mathiston, Miss.
July 27, 1933.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I have been so busy going to church and playing that I am late with my offering. Hope all the children are enjoying the summer days. I will start to school in September. I will be six years old in October.

Best wishes to all from

Robert Henry Booth.

Your offering is not much late, Robert, and we are glad to have it. You are going to be a good boy at school, I know. Thank you, sir.

—o—

HOW YOUNG PREACHERS
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By G. S. Dobbins

Many young men, called of God to the Christian ministry, are perplexed just now as to what they shall do. They realize their need of further preparation, and the insistent demand of the churches for thoroughly trained men, but they do not see how they can make the venture of faith and come to the Seminary.

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tional equipment and limited opportunity must live from hand to mouth—and the distance from the hand to the mouth gets longer as he grows older. What a tragedy for a preacher to dry up as he gets older instead of becoming fresher and more fruitful with the passage of the years!

The point is that the more urgent need for a Seminary education more than offsets the greater difficulty in securing it. It remains true that "Where there's a will there's a way"—particularly when the human will is in line with the Divine Will. Young men who ought to attend the Seminary should refuse to give up too easily. Write to President John R. Sampey, laying your case before him. For nearly fifty years he has been counselling young preachers, and he will gladly take under sympathetic consideration the case of any man who needs advice and help. Write to him immediately, or send the name of some young man who, in your opinion, should enter the Seminary next session.

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AS ONE CHURCH TOOK TO THE CAMPAIGN

Below is a clipping from the front page of the "Weekly Bulletin" of the First Baptist Church of Brookhaven. The entire front page was given to it. Pastor, Directors, Leaders, and members are working in unison to make the campaign a success in this church—and we are counting on your church also.

NEW PROVIDENCE, LEAKE CO., ORGANIZES SENIOR BYPU

On Friday, July 28th the young people of New Providence church in Leake County, met and organized a Senior BYPU. There was an enthusiastic crowd making up this charter membership and the officers chosen were, President, Mary E. Gross; Vice-Pres., German Gross; Secretary, Robert Flowers; Treasurer, Fred Waggoner; Cor. Sec'y., Gladys Gross; B. R. L., Howard Gross; Chorister, W. J. Gross; Pianist, Mrs. J. H. Gross; Group

Captains, Marguerite Gross, Mrs. O. Merchant and Mrs. W. J. Gross. We are indebted to the Corresponding Secretary for this report. We are glad to enroll them with the other fine group of Seniors in Leake County.

A LEADER "GETS READY" BEFORE ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY

Mrs. W. T. Humphreys, leader of one of the unions at Belden, before assuming the role of leader got a copy of the Junior-Intermediate Leaders' Manual and studied it carefully. The union was then organized and the officers were brought together and taught their duties. We think of this as the ideal method of organizing a BYPU. Get a good ready with a leader that is willing and capable, then see that each officer understands his or her duty. It will be much easier then to carry on the work as it should be carried on, thus making it in reality a "Training Service" of the church.

YAZOO CO. ASSOCIATIONAL B. Y. P. U. EMPHASIZES EXTENSION WORK

Miss Gladys Plunkett, president of Yazoo County Associational B. Y. P. U. reports a newly organized Senior BYPU at Anding. Miss Plunkett is responsible for the organization and to complete the task is teaching them a study course to make sure that all officers and committeemen know their duties as such. Officers elected are: President, Mary Virginia Russum; Vice-President, Aretha Dukes; Secretary, Hazel O'Neal; B. R. L. Doris Allen; Pianist, Erline Russum;

Group Captains, Sam Luse White and Diggs Thomas. Mrs. Dukes was elected Director and we hope it will be possible for her to get the other necessary unions organized in the church. We are glad to see this new union organized and welcome them into the circle.

BOLIVAR B.Y.P.U.'S.

The Bolivar County Associational BYPU held its quarterly meeting at the Morrison Chapel Baptist Church on July 30, 1933. The meeting was attended by delegates from most of the churches. The program consisted of a song service led by the chorister, Mr. R. J. Beavers, Boyle, and special numbers by members of the Morrison Chapel union. Dr. I. D. Evanson, Cleveland, Rev. R. S. Howard, Skene, and Mr. Joe P. McCain, Cleveland, gave especially inspirational talks.

A special feature of the meeting was the presentation of new "Efficiency" and "Mileage" banners by the Morrison Chapel Seniors. The "Efficiency" banner was awarded to the Cleveland Intermediates and the "Mileage" banner to Skene for this quarter.

The next meeting will be held in Merigold in October.

Lucille Simmons,
Associate Sec'y.

BAPTIST HOME NEWS

We are very grateful to Mr. P. I. Lipsey, Jr., for his generous donation of \$58.00 to the Home recently.

Dr. R. B. Gunter has spread much

joy as well as music on our campus by presenting the children with a nice radio and victrola this week.

We still need about 20,000 more Octagon Coupons to make the last payment on our school bus. We are depending on our W.M.U.'s to help us raise this amount at an early date.

Supt. O. C. Miller, with about 30 of the Baptist Home Warblers have been presenting programs at centrally located churches throughout the state. They await your invitation to visit you.

About \$100.00 in contributions and \$195.00 in gas receipts totals the entire amount received by the Baptist Home in the month of July. How can we carry on with our two hundred and thirty-one children?

Thirty of our children have had their tonsils removed this summer. At present there is an epidemic of sore arms as a result of vaccinations previous to opening of school. School opens August 28.—Kathryn Dilworth, Reporter.

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HANNAH: DEVOUT MOTHERHOOD

I Samuel 1:1; 2:21

Israel sunk to the lowest depths of moral and religious depression during the half century preceding the birth of Samuel (Judges, chapters 17 to 20). Conditions were unspeakably horrible—idolatry, debauchery, war, oppression, adultery, hypocrisy, anarchy. Hophni and Phinehas, noted for profligacy, debauchery, and thieving, had charge of the religious services at the Tabernacle. Eli, their father, a pious weak sort of man combining in his person the offices of both judge and priest, was allowing things to drift, doing absolutely nothing to correct the terrible state of affairs. (I Sam. 2:12-26).

In the midst of these conditions we first meet Hannah. She is a most unhappy woman (I Sam. 1:2-8). Her home is cursed with the blight of polygamy. She had no child, whereas the other wife had been several times a mother. Thus she is suffering the keenest disappointment of a Hebrew woman of those days. She is the object of her husband's pity and of Peninnah's malice. There is nothing she can do about it but weep. While others feasted, rejoiced, and made merry,

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"she wept, and did not eat."

With great sorrow and bitterness of soul she went to the house of the Lord to weep and to pray (I Sam. 1:9-18)—a good place to go and the best thing to do when one is in trouble. There she gave vent to her grief and poured out her soul in prayer. Her prayer was definite—she asked for a son. Her prayer was sacrificial—"give me a son," she cried, "and I will give him back to Thee all the days of his life." It was importunate, persistent prayer. Though misunderstood and rebuked by Eli himself, "she kept on praying till she prayed it through."

After the answer to her prayer Hannah was the soul of faithfulness. She was so faithful that for five long years she did not even go to church. Every waking moment during that five years must have been dedicated to her baby. One cannot think of Hannah placing little Samuel in charge of some nurse or other about whose morals and ideals she knew nothing at all. She was so happy and so busy and so faithful that she had no time for dancing, bridge, and politics. She had something far better to do. She did not neglect God's best gift to a mother. She so trained her baby and impressed him during that first five years of innocent babyhood that the profligate Hophni and Phinehas never turned from his mother's faith and ideals. The greatest need of religion and politics this day is that of faithful mothers with Hannah's ideals of motherhood.

Moreover Hannah was faithful to her vow (I Sam. 1:11). She had promised to give her baby back to God. So when he was about five years old she weaned him, and made preparation to present him before Jehovah's altar in the tabernacle at Shiloh. Only those who have been parents of children five or six years of age can imagine the sacrifice

which Hannah made. How she loved that fine, chubby faced baby boy—"the little boy in blue"! She carried him to the altar of God and left him there. When she got back home to Ramah she did not hear her baby's voice. Here was the empty cradle, and there the broken toys. She must have wept again that night. There was something about it like the return from a baby's funeral. Yet Hannah had kept her vow. It cost all she had, but that was the glory of it.

Hannah led her son to the altar with prayer. Eli had forgot a day in these same sacred precincts five years ago. But not she. Then she prayed with bitterness of soul, but not now. Instead she breaks forth singing a majestic hymn of thanksgiving, praise, prophecy, victory. She knows the meaning of joy that's real (Psalms 22:25; 66:13-14; 116:14). Had Hannah failed to pay her vow there would have been no happiness in her heart. Neither could she have been in the "house of God." One suspects that on account of broken vows many hearts and pews are vacant today. If only God's people everywhere, like Hannah, would be faithful to their vows which they made in their deep trouble! Many a sorrow would be transmuted to heavenly joy, murmuring and complaint would give place to thanksgiving and praise, and defeat would give place to victory.

How great Hannah's reward! Did she ever realize how rich it was? Her prayers answered many times over. Her reproach in Israel taken away forever. Heavenly joy in her mother heart. She saw her son grow up to manhood true to the ideals of Jehovah. In that dark time when "the word of the Lord was rare," when "there was no open vision" (I Sam. 3:1), she gave to Israel a priest, a prophet, a teacher, a deliverer to take his place among the immortals along with Abraham, Moses, and David. Indeed she must

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